

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-66 (Cancelled)

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): An information providing system including a first information providing apparatus, an information processing apparatus, and a second information providing apparatus,

said first information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception, from said information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said request for purchasing said content to said second information providing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception, from said second information providing apparatus, of device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storage control means for controlling ~~the storing~~ storage of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to a request, from said information processing apparatus, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission, to said information processing apparatus, of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

said information processing apparatus comprising:

third reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

third transmission control means for controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of the request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions; and

fourth reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus; and

said second information providing apparatus comprising:

fifth reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

fourth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

sixth reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

fifth transmission control means for controlling, in response to said request for said content, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus for a system, said system including that also includes an information processing apparatus and another information providing apparatus, said information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling a reception, ~~receiving~~ from said information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said

information processing apparatus and for controlling a reception of a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling a transmission of said request for purchasing ~~[[a]]~~ said content to the another information providing apparatus in response to ~~[[a]]~~ said request for purchasing said content from the information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling, ~~when said content has previously been transmitted to the information providing apparatus, the~~ a reception, sent from said another information providing apparatus, of information for identifying ~~a transmission destination~~ said another information providing apparatus and for controlling a reception of a usage condition of said content;

storage control means for controlling a storage of ~~the transmission destination~~ said information for identifying said another information providing apparatus and for identifying said usage conditions condition in correspondence with controlling identification for identifying ~~said content transmitted to said~~ user identification data; and information processing apparatus, wherein

second transmission control means for ~~transmitting~~ controlling a transmission of said information for identifying ~~the transmission destination~~ said another information providing apparatus and said usage condition of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said ~~first~~ second transmission control means controls ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said content ~~[[as]]~~ when checking out ~~[[of]]~~ said content and said second reception control means controls ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of ~~[[said]]~~ information for identifying a destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 70 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said another information providing apparatus transmission destination as a device identification.

Claim 71 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said first ~~transmission~~ reception control means controls ~~the transmission a reception of said content as checking out of said content and said second reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said destination to which said content is checked out~~ information for identifying said information processing apparatus and said storage control means controls said information for identifying said information processing apparatus in correspondence with said usage condition of said content.

Claim 72 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said information for identifying said another information providing apparatus and said usage condition ~~content~~ to a storage medium detachably loaded in said information ~~providing processing apparatus and said second~~ first reception control means controls ~~[[the]] a reception of [[said]] information for identifying the transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.~~ [[the]] a reception of [[said]] information for identifying the transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 73 (Currently Amended): The information providing apparatus according to claim 72, wherein said ~~first~~ second transmission control means controls ~~[[the]] a transmission of said content [[as]]~~ when checking out [[of]] said content and said first reception control

means controls ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of ~~[[said]]~~ information for identifying a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 74 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising:

receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception, from said second information providing apparatus, of device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing ~~[[of]]~~ said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of ~~[[the]]~~ a request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling [[the]] a reception, at said second information providing apparatus, of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content [[the]] a transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 75 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program that implements steps comprising:

receiving at a first information providing apparatus from an information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, [[the]] a transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information providing apparatus;

controlling [[the]] a reception, from said second information providing apparatus, of device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storing [[of]] said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;

controlling [[the]] a transmission to said information processing apparatus of said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

receiving the device identification information and said usage conditions at said information processing apparatus;

controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of ~~[[the]]~~ a request for said content to said second information providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus;

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception, at said second information providing apparatus, of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

transmitting said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

receiving at said second information providing apparatus a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 76 (Cancelled).

Claim 77 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first transmission control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

~~said first transmission control means also for transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;~~

first reception control means for controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of said device  
identification information of a second ~~and usage condition from said first~~ information  
providing apparatus and for controlling a reception of a usage condition ~~content via the~~  
~~second from said first~~ information providing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling~~[[, the]]~~ a transmission[[,]] of a  
request for said content to said ~~first~~ second information providing apparatus, ~~of identification~~  
~~for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has been received via~~  
~~said second information providing apparatus, wherein~~

~~said first information providing apparatus being configured to send said content to~~  
~~said second information providing apparatus after said information processing apparatus~~  
~~receives said device identification and usage condition;~~

second reception control means for controlling the reception of said content from said  
second information providing apparatus; and

said first transmission control means further configured for controlling a transmission  
of identification information of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 78 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to  
claim 77, said ~~second~~ first transmission control means ~~includes means for transmitting~~  
controls a transmission of ~~[[said]]~~ information for identifying ~~[[said]]~~ a transmission  
destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing  
apparatus.

Claim 79 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to  
claim 78, wherein said ~~second~~ first transmission control means ~~includes means for~~  
~~transmitting~~ controls the transmission of said information for identifying ~~[[said]]~~ a



transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 80 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, wherein said ~~second~~ first transmission control means ~~includes means for transmitting~~ controls the transmission of said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 81 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 80, wherein said ~~second~~ first transmission control means ~~includes means for controlling~~ controls the transmission of said information for identifying ~~[[a]]~~ the transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 82 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising ~~the~~ steps of:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

~~transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage condition to a second information providing apparatus;~~

controlling ~~[[the]]~~ a reception of ~~said device identification and usage condition from said first~~ information of a second information providing apparatus and controlling a reception of content ~~via the second~~ a usage condition from said first information providing apparatus;

~~controlling [[the]] a transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of  
identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said of a request for  
said content has been received via said to said second information providing apparatus; and  
sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said  
information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage condition  
controlling a reception of said content from said second information providing  
apparatus; and  
controlling a transmission of identification information of said information processing  
apparatus.~~

Claim 83 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program that performs steps comprising:

controlling a transmission of a request for purchasing content to a first information providing apparatus;

~~transmitting a request for said content based on a device identification and usage  
condition to a second information providing apparatus;~~

controlling [[the]] a reception of said device identification and usage condition from  
~~said first~~ information of a second information providing apparatus and controlling a reception  
of content via the second a usage condition from said first information providing apparatus;

~~controlling [[the]] a transmission to said first information providing apparatus, of  
identification for identifying said information processing apparatus when said of a request for  
said content has been received via said to said second information providing apparatus; and  
sending said content to said second information providing apparatus after said  
information processing apparatus receives said device identification and usage condition~~

controlling a reception of said content from said second information providing  
apparatus; and  
controlling a transmission of identification information of said information processing  
apparatus.

Claim 84 (Cancelled).